

Union rise and report the bill back to the House, striking out all after the enacting clause.

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H. Res. 380, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 251 yeas to 157 nays, Roll No. 60.

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Subsequently, it was made in order that H. Res. 376, the rule which had provided for general debate only, be laid on the table.

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Product Liability Litigation: By unanimous consent, the Chair appointed Representative Markey as a conferee on H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, to replace Representative Wyden.

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Further Continuing Appropriations: It was made in order that the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 163, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, when called up; that it be in order at any time to consider the joint resolution in the House; that the joint resolution be debatable for not to exceed one hour, to be equally divided and controlled by Chairman Livingston and Representative Obey; that all points of order against the joint resolution and against its consideration be waived; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion, except one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

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Use of the Capitol Rotunda: House agreed to S. Con. Res. 45, authorizing the use of the Capitol Rotunda on May 2, 1996, for the presentation of the Congressional Medal of Honor to Reverend and Mrs. Billy Graham.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2127.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2136–37 and H2175–76.

Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Inspector General Overview. Testimony was heard from Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, USDA.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the National Endowment for the Arts. Testimony was heard from Jane Alexander, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, National Foundation on the Arts and the Sciences.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the following: the National Mediation Board; the Railroad Retirement Board; the Armed Forces Retirement Home; the Physician Payment Review Commission; and the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission. Testimony was heard from Magdalena G. Jacobsen, Chairwoman, National Mediation Board; Glen L. Bower, Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board; Dennis W. Jahnigan, M.D., Chairman, Armed Forces Retirement Home; Gail R. Wilensky, Chair, Physician Payment Review Commission; and Stuart Altman, Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on the Navy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary (Installations and Environment); RAdm. David J. Nash, USN, Civil Engineer Corps, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Braaten, USMC, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics (Facilities); and Capt. John F. Brunelli, USN, Executive Assistant, Director, Naval Reserve.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in an executive session to hold a hearing on Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command and the Commander in Chief, U.S. Forces Korea. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Adm. Joseph W. Prueher, USN, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; and Gen. Gary E. Luck, USA, Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/U.S. Forces Korea.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Federal Railroad Administration and AMTRAK. Testimony was heard from Jolene M. Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; and Thomas M. Downs, President and Chairman, Board

of Directors, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK).

RISK ASSESSMENT—BANKS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on the Risk Assessment of Banks. Testimony was heard from Rich Spillenkothen, Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Eugene A. Ludwig, Comptroller of the Currency; and Jonathan L. Flechter, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Ricki Helfer, Chairman, FDIC; Aida Alvarez, Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

GENERATIONAL ACCOUNTING

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Generational Accounting and Long-term Fiscal Prospects. Testimony was heard from June E. O'Neill, Director, CBO; Paul Posner, Director, Federal Budget Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2596, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through fiscal year 1999; H.R. 2967, amended, to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978; H.R. 2501, amended, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in Kentucky; H.R. 2630, amended, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois; H.R. 2695, amended, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of certain hydroelectric projects in the State of Pennsylvania; H.R. 2773, amended, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of 2 hydroelectric projects in North Carolina; H.R. 2816, to reinstate the license for, and extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of, a hydroelectric project in Ohio; H.R. 2869, amended, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Kentucky; and H.R. 1663, amended, Waste Isolation Pilot Land Withdrawal Amendment Act.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Governmental Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the Postal Service held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Postal Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: Tirso del Junco, M.D., Chairman, Board of

Governors; Marvin T. Runyon, Postmaster General and CEO; and Kenneth J. Hunter, Inspector General and Chief Postal Inspector, U.S. Postal Inspection Service; Edward J. Gleiman, Chairman, Postal Rate Commission; and Michael E. Motley, Associate Director, Government Business Operations Issues, GAO.

ARMS TRANSFERS TO JORDAN

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Arms Transfers to Jordan. Testimony was heard from Peter Martinez, Director, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria Affairs, Office of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Bruce Reidel, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Near East and South Asia; and H. Diehl McKalip, Deputy Director Defense Security Assistance Agency.

The Committee also approved Budget Views and Estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

RESOLUTIONS—HUMAN RIGHTS IN CAMBODIA; AND MILITARY STABILITY OF TAIWAN STRAITS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action the following resolutions: H. Res. 345, expressing concern about the deterioration of human rights in Cambodia; and H. Con. Res. 148, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States is committed to the military stability of the Taiwan Straits and United States military forces should defend Taiwan in the event of invasion, missile attack, or blockade by the People's Republic of China.

SLAVERY IN MAURITANIA AND SUDAN

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights and Subcommittee on Africa held a joint hearing on Slavery in Mauritania and Sudan. Testimony was heard from William H. Twaddell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, Department of State; former Representative Mervyn M. Dymally of California; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Continued hearings on fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff, Army; Adm. J.M. Boorda, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. C.C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps; and Gen. Ronald R. Fogelman, USAF, Chief of Staff, Air Force.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities began hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on the recapitalization and modernization of facilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Maj. Gen. Frank Miller, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installation Management, Department of the Army; RAdm. Louis M. Smith, USN, Director, Shore Activities Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Braaten, USMC, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics, U.S. Marine Corps; and Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Lupia, USAF, Air Force Civil Engineer, Department of the Air Force.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1823, amended, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District dated December 28, 1965, and November 26, 1985; H.R. 2824, Snowbasin Land Exchange Act of 1995; H.R. 1965, amended, to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972; H.R. 2160, amended, to authorize appropriations to carry out the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act of 1966 and the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act; and H.R. 1527, amended, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authorities and duties of the Secretary of Agriculture in issuing ski area permits on National Forest System lands and to withdraw lands within ski area permit boundaries from the operation of the mining and mineral leasing laws.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 2107, Visitor Services Improvement and Outdoor Legacy Act of 1995.

Will continue March 28.

The Committee also approved a motion to go to conference for all bills previously reported.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on the Airport Improvement Program, with emphasis on Airport Needs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

URUGUAY ROUND AGREEMENTS
IMPLEMENTATION AND WORLD TRADE
ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on implementation of Uruguay Round Agreements and World Trade Organization. Testimony was heard from Michael Kantor, U.S. Trade Representative; Jayetta Hecker, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, GAO; Clayton K. Yeutter, former U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D167)

H.R. 927, to seek international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, and to plan for support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba. Signed March 12, 1996. (P.L. 104-114)

H.R. 3021, to guarantee the continuing full investment of Social Security and other Federal funds in obligations of the United States. Signed March 12, 1996. (P.L. 104-115)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
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(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense plan, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Readiness, to hold hearings on current and future military readiness as the armed forces prepare for the 21st century, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings to examine the budgetary and economic implications of alternative spectrum use policies, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings on international aviation relations, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on S. 1425, to recognize the validity of rights-of-way granted under section 2477 of the Revised Statutes, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold oversight hearings on wetland mitigation banking under section 404 of the Clean Water Act, 2 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to United States Postal Service customers, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to continue markup of S. 269 and S. 1394, bills to reform the United States immigration system, 9 a.m., SD-G50.